

HUDSON, NH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of the May 8, 2012 Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER - by Chairman Coutu the meeting of May 8, 2012 at 7:01 p.m. in the BOS Meeting Room at Town Hall.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Joe Undercofler, Benjamin Bate and Alan Foster.
3. ATTENDANCE
Board of Selectmen: Roger Coutu, Rick Maddox, Ben Nadeau, Ted Luszey, Nancy Brucker
Staff/Others: Steve Malizia, Town Administrator; Donna Graham, Executive Assistant; Fire Chief Shawn Murray, Deputy Chief Rob Buxton; Lisa Nute, IT Director; Lieutenant DiNapoli
4. PUBLIC INPUT
5. NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS
6. CONSENT ITEMS

Chairman Coutu asked if any Board member wish to remove any item for separate consideration.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to approve consent items A, B, C, D and E, as noted or appropriate, carried 5-0.

A. Assessing Items

- 1) Disabled Exemption - Map 178, Lot 013, Sub. 111, w/recommendation to approve
- 2) Veteran Tax Credit - Map 148, Lot 040, Sub. 123, w/recommendation to approve
- 3) Elderly Exemptions - Map 187, Lot 024; Map 175, Lot 158; Map 242, Lot 054; Map 197, Lot 170; Map 191, Lot 010; Map 225, Lot 003; Map 198, Lot 120; Map 216, Lot 018, Sub. 065; Map 182, Lot 126; Map 174, Lot 202, w/recommendation to grant
- 4) Institutional Exemptions - Charitable - Map 183, Lot 100; Map 190, Lot 015; Map 242, Lot 058; Map 109, Lot 010; Map 147, Lot 027; Map 237, Lot 057; Veterans - Map 182, Lot 022 and Lot 030; Map 136, Lot 036; Religious - Map 140, Lot 047; Map 228, Lot 054; Map 166, Lot 001; Map 166, Lots 011 and 017; Map 182, Lot 129; Map 235, Lot 009; Map 210, Lot 010; Map 176, Lot 034; Map 128, Lot 005; Map 156, Lot 035; Map 182, Lots 049 and 052, w/recommendation to grant

B. Water/Sewer Items

C. Licenses & Permits

- 1) Request to Solicit Funds - Dunstable/Tyngsboro Lions Club
- 2) Request to Solicit Funds - Teen Challenge New England
- 3) Raffle Permit by Crossfit 603
- 4) Petition & License for 1 new pole (281/166S) Old Derry Road
- 5) Petition & License for 1 new pole (322-12.5) Belknap Road
- 6) Hudson Speedway 2012 Permit

D. Acceptance of Minutes

- 1) Minutes of the April 24, 2012 meeting
- 2) Minutes of the April 30, 2012 meeting

E. Calendar

05/09	7:00	Planning Board - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/09	7:00	Benson Park - Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room
05/10	2:45	Trustees of Trust Fund - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/10	5:00	Sewer Utility Committee - BOS Meeting Room
05/10	7:30	Zoning Board of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/14	7:00	Conservation Commission - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/15	7:00	Cable Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
05/16	5:00	Water Utility Cte - BOS Meeting Room
05/16	7:00	Council on Aging - Buxton CD Meeting Room

05/17 7:00 Benson Park Cte - BOS Meeting Room
05/21 7:00 Energy Cte - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/22 7:00 Board of Selectmen - BOS Meeting Room
05/23 7:00 Planning Board - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/23 7:00 Benson Park - Landscape Cte - BOS Meeting Room
05/24 7:00 Zoning Board of Adjustment - Buxton CD Meeting Room
05/28 MEMORIAL DAY - TOWN HALL CLOSED

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Votes taken after Nonpublic Session on April 24, 2012

- 1) Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to temporarily increase the weekly hours for the Part-Time Administrative Aide position occupied by Amy McMullen from 29.5 hours up to 40 hours with no medical/retirement benefits for a time period not to exceed September 2, 2012, carried 5-0.
- 2) Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, carried 5-0.

B. NRPC Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia indicated that Ms. Diers is here from NRPC, so she's more of the subject expert on this matter. Basically this is, I believe, a State-wide effort to promote a partnership for a Granite State Future project. I'd like to recognize Ms. Diers.

I'm Kerrie Diers. I'm the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission.

Chairman Coutu asked for an introduction to the proposal we had before us.

Sure. Kerrie Diers said she'd be glad to. Thank you for having me here this evening. The Granite State Future is the project. What this is about a year ago all of the regional planning commissions, there are 9 of us in this State, and the Regional Planning Commission and the Nashua Region is made up of Hudson and 12 other communities out to Wilton and Lyndeborough. Hudson is the founding member of the Regional Planning Commission together with the City of Nashua. For 50 years all of these communities have been working together identifying things that we have in common and trying to come up with some solutions: traffic congestion and things like that. Most recently we did an energy purchase agreement where all the towns got together to save money on electricity purchases. So those are the kinds of things that we've been doing. The Granite State Future Project is a project that is going to enable to basically do our regional plan. Under State law, all regional planning commissions are required to do a master plan like local communities are. This would enable us to do that kind of planning. We're trying to do something different than your typical plan. Nobody wants to see another plan sit on a shelf. Nobody wants to spend that money for a plan that's just going to sit there. What we really want to focus on is identifying those things like the energy purchasing, like the things that we can do together -neighboring communities talking together to be more efficient in the way we plan/spend our money. If NRPC can help facilitate those conversations and identify those things that we can work together on so that we can all save money, I think that's the kind of thing that we're looking at doing through this plan. We have a unique opportunity in this State because all 9 regional planning commissions are going to be going through a similar thing. At the end, the idea is that we'll have a state-wide snapshot of what are all of those ideas and projects across the State that we can tell Concord, that we can tell the federal government that are important to the economic vitality of our communities. Where do we want projects such as water, sewer, and those kinds of things to help channel those investments into our communities and our region? That's what this is about.

(Kerrie Diers) Hudson has a really strong track record for the last 53 years working with neighbors and trying to come up with solutions. So that's in a nutshell what this project is about. I know that the partnership agreement is a lot of gobble-de-gook. I know it's not straightforward and we've been working to translate that into plain English. Being planners, we don't do that very well. That's why I'm here tonight to answer any questions that you have about that and to really make sure that Hudson is a very important part of the conversation and we want to make sure that your representatives, the 3 commissions that you have and your alternates that you have appointed, is the mechanism for Hudson to participate in the process. We have very good representation from Hudson at our commission meetings. That's where we envision most of the work will be done. The Town can certainly participate more if you wish and we're hoping that you will but the minimum is basically that your commissioners are representing you at the commission meetings like they do on a quarterly basis. I'd be happy to entertain any questions that you might have.

Chairman Coutu said he had one up front. Relative to this new agreement that you would like us to sign, how reliant is the planning and the outcome of the plans on State funding? Ms. Diers wasn't sure what the question is. Chairman Coutu said you're proposing in this agreement I believe a more in depth regionalization of the plans.

Ms. Diers said really what we're trying to do is be less burdensome on the State. Because each region normally does its own plan on its own time, what we've tried to do with this structure is to say to the State agencies that we normally work with and we normally go to for data, that they only have to do this once rather than 9 times. That's part of why this is set up the way it is is that we'll be meeting with the Department of Transportation, Environmental Services, Employment Security, Economic Development - we don't want to be a taxing on their staff time. We've set up this committee structure so that their staff can really just do it one time and advise all 9 regional planning commissions at the same time. This is all federal funds through this grant. It's federally funded program.

Chairman Coutu asked if they were just collecting data. Ms. Diers said they're doing a whole host of things. One of the different things that we're going to be doing is going around to all the communities. We're working with UNH, the Carsey Institute in New Hampshire Listens and they've been going around the State - I think they initially got started with the gambling issue a few years ago. So they're working with us to meet with communities, meet with different people around the State and specifically in our region to identify those issues that I talked about. It's nice because they're kind of a neutral party. They can help us really ask questions and try to be that neutral listening part of this. I think we're trying to do things a bit differently with this plan than we've ever done in the past.

Chairman Coutu said that Selectman Maddox was more familiar with NRPC and certainly more friendly than I am about (inaudible) anything you want to add?

Selectman Maddox did tell Ms. Diers not to mention much of the partnership agreement because a lot of this is pure gobbley gook. It's really a function Mr. Chairman of trying to do a number of things that are supposed to be done that sometimes haven't been done in the past by utilizing the federal grant statewide. If we don't, we lose some coins here and there on various applicants we might submit. It hopefully will give us a voice in putting some ideas forth that will promote better unification as far as a regional thought process when we talk about either transportation or infrastructure. Yes if you read this, I did tell her not to start reading off of this list because again it is very flowery I guess I will say is the nicest word I can use. The true agenda of this Mr. Chairman is to hopefully get New Hampshire all in sync. As we all know sometimes it's like herding cats in a thunderstorm. This gives them the funding to be able to utilize one agency, i.e. the regional planning commissions throughout the State to do some of the data gathering also - communications. One of the things that we've talked about at the NRPC is how can they do something regionally that the Town of Hudson doesn't want to spend the money for like a grant writer or GIS type of set up. These are the type of things that hopefully will come out of this to be able to do, again, in a regional basis to save Hudson money as well as have one plan for the State rather than 30 different conflicting plans.

Selectman Luszey wanted to ask a question a little differently. If we sign this because clearly if we sign this what we're going to be committing Hudson taxpayer's money to NRPC correct? Ms. Diers said no. You already do that and we're not asking for any more. Selectman Luszey asked what are the taxpayers truly getting in return. What is their return on investment because I did read through it and on page 15, 16 there's all these different partnerships, agencies, and all that? They're going to give matching grants for this or that. Ms. Diers said that was mostly in kind time actually. A lot of it isn't actual dollars. It's more their staff time. Selectman Luszey said he was okay with planning but what I'm trying to get out of it is we've seen a number of plans. I've been involved with NRPC a number of years ago when we tried to get the circumferential highway through. Quite frankly, I don't think they did us a whole lot of good service. What can NRPC do really to help Hudson in the future?

Like Ms. Diers said, I think it's important to identify those things that will save the Town money. I think that's what we're interested in and efficiency. Talking to your neighbors is always a good thing. The Town of Hudson was the founder of that. I think that's what I'm interested in looking at and what the commissioners sitting around the table have expressed to me has been most important to them. That's what I really listen to are the views expressed by the commissioners sitting around the table. So the Town of Hudson's commissioners are very vocal about, and I think everybody sitting around the table agrees, doing more things like looking at the aggregation for purchasing energy, looking at sharing services that NRPC can provide like the GIS services. We're also involved with economic development in terms of the Rockingham Economic Development but we're looking at expanding that to the region. So those are the kinds of things that we're looking at doing as part of this plan. I can only think that that will benefit the Hudson taxpayers in terms of relieving them from having to purchase that individually for the Town.

Chairman Coutu asked if there were any other questions or comments. Seeing none, what is the wish of the Board? We have a motion.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to authorize Chairman Coutu to sign the NRPC Partnership Agreement for the "A Granite State Future" Project.

Selectman Luszey asked if this was for one year. Ms. Diers said this is a three-year program. I can explain to you why it's 3 years. Basically what we're trying to do is get all of the information from the State and the data up front and then spend the bulk of the time going out and talking to people in the communities. So we want to spend enough time doing those things.

Selectman Brucker asked if Ms. Diers said you can study some of the traffic situations and how would you go about doing that. Would that be something your group decides to do or would we ask you to do it? Ms. Diers said they do both as part of our services that we do provide to the Town. We do individual traffic studies of particular intersections and traffic counts. We do that as a regular course of business for the Town. This long-range planning will fit in. We're doing long range transportation planning. We're in the process of updating our traffic model based on the 2010 census data that's coming out. That traffic model enables us to project if a development comes into Hudson what's going to happen with the different traffic. That will be part of this study too. Not only traffic but other develops. If you have business, residential, or other land uses that affect that, we're trying to look at it as a whole. In the past we've really only done this piece meal where we've had funding available. So transportation is our mostly fully funded piece of it. So we do pretty well in the transportation side of things. Looking at that as a piece of the whole development of the Town, that's going to be what this project is about. So we'll be looking at other infrastructure: water, sewer, environment, energy and those kinds of things. Then we'll be asking you what do you want? What do you want to see? How do you think this all fits together? That's really what we're going to be talking about with you is what's important to you and what you want to see happen.

Selectman Maddox knows there is some resistance on this Board. I'm kind of holding my nose voting for this. If we don't, we can stick our head in the sand and simply say we don't want to take the services that will be provided. It's not like we can get a check back from HUD to get any money which I would rather prefer. We did say that and she will tell you I said that at the commission meeting. I think there's some benefit to come out of this Mr. Chairman. One of the things we can possibly look at is the regional portion to some of that thing. We talked about at the Planning Board level doing something on Lowell Road into River Road and Dracut Road as part of some of this. Again, it's one of those things where if we don't agree, we don't get any of the benefits. It's not like there's a cost savings to be had. The feds are handing out money and unfortunately this is the way they wanted to spend it.

Chairman Coutu agreed. I begrudgingly would sign it. Because I don't want to be left out of the pie.

Ms. Diers wanted to add that having a plan in place like this does enable the Town if its applying for a brownfields grant or other things to have kind of a higher status, extra points basically on applications. It is a benefit when you're applying for.

Chairman Coutu said we'd be a fool if we didn't sign it because we'd be left out on a lot of things. We'd like to keep Hudson as high on the scale as possible and be the beneficiary of the results of this study. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

Vote, Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Coutu thanked Kerrie Diers to coming. We appreciate your time. Ms. Diers appreciated the Board's time.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Acceptance of Meeting House Trail (a value of \$271) and \$370 of leftover funds from Benjamin Bate relative to an Eagle Scout project at Musquash Pond

Chairman Coutu knows that Benjamin Bate has already give us a description but for the listening audience who didn't see you the first time, could you give us a general overview, what you're fundraising was, and how you amassed this small fortune of extra money to donate.

Benjamin Bate said his fundraiser to build my trail over at Musquash Pond was just a spaghetti dinner that I held at my church. We sold tickets and raised a lot of money there from people from the Town and a couple of other towns helped out. Nothing that fantastic. Just a dinner. I lead a group to build my trail over at Musquash Pond, which is about a half a mile long with 5 signs and blazes all along the trail and two bridges.

Without getting into all the detail, Chairman Coutu asked Benjamin to tell us a little bit about the bridges. Were they existing bridges? Mr. Bate said there were two existing bridges there. One of them was off to the side and wasn't really needed but the other one was on the main trail. It was needed to get to the rest of Musquash Pond trail systems. That one was replaced and the second bridge that I was talking about, the one that was needed, was removed. On the trail that we built, we placed another bridge on that trail.

Chairman Coutu noticed the excess money from your letter you're asking that it be directed to the Conservation Commission Donation Account. Mr. Bate said yes.

For the record before we entertain a motion, Chairman Coutu wanted to get into something that I wish Selectman Nadeau you had been at the last Benson meeting. We've had a lot of scout projects and a lot of projects in town where funds were raised and there were excess monies. Joe Undercofler you're as familiar with this as I am because you've been involved in some of the conversation we've had, e-mails going around. Someone made a statement at the last Benson meeting that monies that are being donated by scouts and other people who are doing projects in town and are designated the money to be going into various donation accounts, that we're just arbitrarily taking the money and throwing it into the general fund. Could you affirm that that is not the case? The money is available in the appropriate account to which it is donated. Those committees or units to which the monies are being appropriated, this one here is to the Conservation Commission, which is a commission, have access to those funds providing they go through the proper channels to apply for its expenditure and those are brought to the two of you. Could you explain Mr. Malizia?

Mr. Malizia said the Board of Selectmen accepts donations on behalf of the town. So any donation that is made over \$100, this Board had to accept at a public meeting. Over \$5,000, it's a public hearing. If the purpose of the donation is requested to go into a certain account, it could be Robinson Pond, Ottarnic Pond as you are all familiar with, other recreation activities, Benson Park, it gets a specific account and it goes into a donation account for that purpose. When the money gets spent or request to spend, it comes back out of that account. That's the practice that it's been. When people say the General Fund, by definition these donations are under the umbrella of the general fund. They don't go into the general fund as we refer to it, i.e. surplus or that revenue. These are balance sheet accounts. They basically sit there until somebody makes an appropriation out of them. There are occasions where you might have something in the conservation area. That's a conservation fund account. Same thing but money goes in, everybody can clearly see, probably not on camera, but there's a rather lengthy list. The donations are accounted for and kept track of for the purpose which they were donated. Quite simple, it's done in a public forum. Hopefully that assures people that when the Board receives a donation, it goes into the appropriate and requested account. The Board can also deny accepting the donation if someone wanted to say propose a purpose which the Board has no interest in. I can't think of one off the top of my head but this Board would have the ability to..Chairman Coutu said a suit for Selectman Maddox. Mr. Malizia said yes something like that.

In theory, Mr. Malizia said the Board because you can accept you could also choose not to accept. If you do, then you would gratefully return the donation and not take it. Chairman Coutu found it disturbing that somebody would make a statement like that without a basis of fact. I think Joe between the two of us we tried to straighten it out. Hopefully this gets the message out there.

Selectman Maddox said that account is tracked. So every dollar that is put in, you can show a corresponding expenditure out of that. It's not like it's just I know I've asked in the past for some of these accounts and they can tell you where and when the money was expended.

Chairman Coutu asked if there was any further discussion.

Selectman Brucker said she's the liaison for the Conservation Commission and I know that we appreciate everything that you've done. This is over and above what you were doing for your project. Thank you very much.

Selectman Nadeau has heard some very good things about this trail that was built and the new bridge that was built down there from some people that use Musquash very frequently. They said that it was a very well marked trail. I'm very glad to hear that this was one of the scout projects that people are enjoying as much as they do at other places in town. I'd like to thank you very much for that and for the donation going into the Conservation Commission fund.

Before I entertain a motion, Chairman Coutu wanted to express on behalf of the Town of Hudson our sincere appreciation for (1) the amount of work that you supervise and what you are able to accomplish. Obviously being generous with donating the excess funds to the Conservation Commission. I know as Selectman Brucker stated because she is their liaison, they could use the money for other various projects they want to undertake, primarily for the maintenance and upkeep of the lands which we supervise through the Conservation Commission. On behalf of the Town of Hudson, thank you. We're very proud of you. You should be proud of yourself. I know that Mr. Undercofler is and all of the scouts I hope you weren't too hard on them when you were supervising him but you at least got the job done. Benjamin you have a reason to be proud and thank you very much.

Motion by Selectman Brucker, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to accept Meeting House Trail, a value of \$271, and \$370 of leftover funds from Benjamin Bate relative to an Eagle Scout project at Musquash Pond. The \$370 to be directed for use by the Conservation Commission donation account, carried 5-0.

Again, Chairman Coutu thanked Benjamin Bate and Joe Undercofler.

- B. Acceptance of a project to re-build a bridge and create a walking path on Storybook Hill and \$620 of leftover funds from Alan Foster relative to an Eagle Scout project at Benson Park

Chairman Coutu recognized Alan Foster. Once again, welcome. If you would give us a little bit of detail first of all about the project.

Alan Foster said his project is over on Storybook Hill near the Old Lady in the Shoe. I replaced a bridge to nowhere that was existing. It was in terrible condition. It was a safety hazard to the park. Rather than simply replace the bridge, I also created a pathway that connected two of the existing pathways over on Storybook Hill so that it's made the area look nicer.

Chairman Coutu said he was there this weekend. I was very, very impressed Alan. You did an outstanding job. That was a horrible bridge. It affords a nice view when you're going over it when you go past the shoe and go over that little bridge. You did an outstanding job. Very, very proud of you. You have quite a cache of money here that you raised. You have in excess of \$620. You want to put that into the Benson Park donation account. What did you do for a fundraiser? Mr. Foster said he also did a spaghetti supper. I used the Grange in Hudson. It happened to be October 29th, the night of the giant blizzard that we had that knocked out power for a week. Chairman Coutu said he did an outstanding job Alan. I saw the project and I intend to go up to Musquash one of these days when I get my weighting boots on and take a look at all the trails and all the work that's been done up there. I haven't been up there for a while. Again Alan, thank you very much. Anybody have any questions or comments?

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Luszey, to accept a project to re-build a bridge and create a walking path on Storybook Hill, value of approximately \$334, and to accept a \$620 leftover donation from Alan Foster's fundraiser relative to an Eagle Scout project at Benson Park and placed in the Benson Park donation account.

Again, Selectman Nadeau goes to Storybrook Hill a lot. When I'm at Benson's and you did a great job on the bridge there. The new paths look great. I'd like to thank you for that. The Benson's Committee will be very excited with their \$620.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Again on behalf of the Town of Hudson, Chairman Coutu thanked Alan. Outstanding job both of you. Joe you're a great leader. Thank you.

- C. Application by the Hudson Police Department for the DUI Enforcement Patrols Program grant in the amount of \$7,500 with the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency

Chairman Coutu recognized Lieutenant Kevin DiNapoli.

Good evening how are you doing? Again, Lieutenant DiNapoli indicated that this is to request approval for a NH Highway Safety Agency project grant. It's for 20/6 hour DWI enforcement patrols from May 1st through September 15th, for a total of \$7,500.

Selectman Maddox said it was the quantity of 20, 6 hour patrols. Lieutenant DiNapoli said correct.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to accept the recommendation to authorize the Hudson Police Department to apply for the DUI Enforcement Patrols Program with the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency, carried 5-0.

- D. Budget to Actuals

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia stated that this item is on the agenda ahead of the generator because as you are well aware, we need to find funds for the generator. Also a little further into the packet tonight is a worksheet identifying where we're going to have a surplus of funds and where we're going to under expend various accounts.

Just quickly as you are well aware, Mr. Malizia indicated that we received some legal money that we had accrued for a particular case as I said before wrapped into this budget. Legal is not an issue. We are approximately 83 percent through the year, which means we're 10 out of 12 months done. As you'll see again, a couple of the agenda items

forward we're in pretty good shape from the expenditure side. We should definitely under expend various line items by \$470,000. Somewhere in that ballpark. That's a good thing.

In tracking our motor vehicles, we go further into the worksheet, 2nd to last page - page 10. Mr. Malizia said we're about 82.3 percent so it's going to be close. It may not hit exactly but it's close. Again interest remains nonexistent as far as interest on investments. Obviously that's positive news on the expenditure fund. It gives you some flexibility should you chose to do some projects. Again, we're going to speak about the generator next and we can make some other decisions. From a revenue perspective, I think the big driver is going to be close, which is the motor vehicles.

E. Bid Recommendation - Replacement Emergency Generator

Chairman Coutu recognized Fire Chief Shawn Murray and Deputy Fire Chief Rob Buxton. This went out to bid. If you reviewed your packet, you will note 3 bids that we have. The lowest bidder was Brian Mason Electric.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Chief Murray said as stated by Chairman Coutu, we followed the established bid process for the Town. The replacement of the emergency generator was vetted by the Finance Director. We had 8 bid packages which were distributed to interested vendors. The bids were advertised in The Nashua Telegraph and the Hudson Litchfield News. The bid was also posted on the Town web site. Three sealed bids were received out of the 8 and opened at a formal bid opening on April 26 at 9 a.m. Those bids were certified by the Town Clerk. Therefore after reviewing all the bids, my recommendation to the Board would be to award the bid to Brian Mason Electric for a bid price of \$42,620. We're also asking the Board to authorize us to maintain a 15 percent contingency or approximately \$6,400. That is just in case we run into any issues out here at the street. Fortunately we were able to - we have to run a gas line from the street to the generator project. National Grid is actually going to pick up that cost. Due to the age of the parking lot and everything, we just wanted to make sure that contingency is authorized in case we need to use it.

For the record, Chairman Coutu asked Chief Murray so that the general public and the people who are paying the bill will have an understanding about our familiarization with Mr. Mason and his work.

Chief Murray stated that Brian Mason Electric has worked for the Town well over 15 years and more that I'm aware of. He currently maintains all of our electrical service at the Central Fire Station. He's been instrumental actually during the last 2 storms where we had the major generator failure. We called him and he's been right there. It really got us out of a bind by hooking up an emergency power system. His work quality is of the highest and I highly recommend his services.

First thing Mr. Chairman, Selectman Maddox said it is just amazing the 3 bids that we got go from the \$42,600 to \$52,000 to \$87,875. Chairman Coutu said the \$87,875 didn't want it I guess. Selectman Maddox said again, that's why it's important that we go out to bid. There's quite the discrepancy between the bids. It's nice to see that we got the lowest bidder and somebody that has experience and qualifications. If our electrical inspector likes him, he's got to be good.

Selectman Brucker was curious about the contingency amount. How do you arrive at that amount? Chief Murray said it's a standard in bids. Usually you go about 10 - 15 percent. It's just a standard percentage that you use in case you run into any situations. What's unique this time is we're going to hook the fire administration building into the generator and we have to run the service line from one end of the building to the other. That's included in the bid. We could have problems with that and need to use a different method to hook up or anything along those lines.

Selectman Maddox asked if the new generator going to fit on the pad that's there. Deputy Chief Buxton said you're looking at one of the deltas out there right now is we are using the Highway Department to do the site work. That is a requirement of the bid. So when you start looking at new technologies from a generator that was put in in the late '70s to early '80s to today. There's going to be some layout changes in that. That's an unknown at this point about the cement pad that the generator anchors itself to. That's really the driving force if you get into having to build that structure underneath the generator. It drives that contingency from.

Selectman Nadeau asked what we were doing with the old generator. Chief Murray said we've maintained ownership of it. We're going to put it on the Police Department auction site. It has no other value than that.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox to award the bid to Brian Mason Electric, the lowest bidder that meets the bid specifications, for a replacement emergency generator at the bid price of \$42,620 and to authorize the use of funds from the contingency account (5940-298) as recommended by the Fire Chief and the Finance Director, carried 5-0.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to authorize the Fire Department to use additional funds as needed up to 15 percent or \$6,400 to cover any non-included work also to come out of the contingency account 5940-298.

Selectman Maddox asked if we had that much money in the contingency account. Mr. Malizia said no we don't. We'll have to transfer it into there. You have a whole laundry list of accounts on the next item that you could take from.

Vote: Motion carried 4-1. Selectman Nadeau in opposition.

F. Project Fiscal Year 2012 Funds Available

Chairman Coutu recognized Town Administrator Steve Malizia.

Mr. Malizia believed it was a couple of meetings ago. I'm not sure exactly which one but the Board wanted to identify or have identified for it the funds that might be available for things like you just did. I've prepared with the assistant of the department heads and the Finance Director this worksheet. The top half of the worksheet is projected funds available. This is a careful review of all the expenditure accounts we have projecting forward what will be left for those accounts. As you go down the list, you can see there will be a description of the account. For example, Town Poor, legal fees, audit. You understand what account that's coming from. These accounts at the end of the year we expect to under expend by the amounts in this column, which is \$473,977 more or less. That's a pretty healthy amount. You just committed \$49,020 of that amount. What you then have below that are items that have either come up here, for example property reassessment reserve. That was a request that was made a few meetings ago by the Assessor and/or other items that Board has either expressed an interest in doing or we had talked about at some point if we had money perhaps to do more carpet replacement and things like that. That's what this list represents. The top half is what should be left. The bottom half is some of the requests for possible consideration to either accomplish a task or to dedicate the money towards that task. Again, you just committed the \$49,000. The Finance Director is here and the IT Director should you have questions because there's a couple of things that might be related to them.

Chairman Coutu asked if there were any questions or comments relative to this report. Seeing none.

Selectman Maddox was surprised that the winter wasn't - there was only \$125,000 there. Mr. Malizia said that was Mr. Burn's estimate that he's given back for and it's actually 50, 75 - it's \$125,000. You are correct. Selectman Maddox said he was just surprised. Selectman Luszey indicated that we've used some of that already. Selectman Maddox stated that we got some back from FEMA.

Selectman Nadeau talked to the Road Agent. We did use a lot of money during the October storm. We did get some of that back. We didn't get all of it back. We did use that. We used some of the money for the bucket truck. So there was a lot of stuff that we did use that Highway Department money for. He was telling me that the salt shed is full. He didn't use as much salt as he anticipated. The salt shed is full but some years we have none left and other years we have a quarter of a shed left. This year we have $\frac{3}{4}$. We have a good start to next year. He thinks that's what he'll have left.

Mr. Malizia asked if he was to assume we're not doing anything else with the remainder of these things.

Selectman Luszey asked that we took no action here are we not moving forward with these other items below the projects that were requesting monies tonight. There's a couple here like the data storage licenses and the combined dispatch. Are we going to move forward with those or is that for a later discussion? How are we going to address these?

From Chairman Coutu's perspective, the dispatch is off the table for the time being. We don't have to make decisions right now. We have to make decisions prior to the end of the fiscal year. Correct?

Mr. Malizia said you will lose this money at the end of the fiscal year if you don't either spend it or encumber it. So the fiscal year ends obviously June 30th. This is May 8th.

Selectman Luszey brought a concern about safety for the Town Clerk's office and that's in here. I guess I'd like to make a motion that we approve the funds to go forward with that so that we can get that piece of work done without having to wait. Chairman Coutu indicated that Selectman Luszey would have to be more specific than that.

Ms. Nute said the Town Clerk expressed an interest in a camera as well in addition to the panic buttons. The panic buttons are \$5,043. The camera is \$2,188. What that entails is the running of the lines and the hardware in the server room below her to then get the image over to police dispatch. I'm including the audio. This is basically a DVR

so they are recording this should we ever need that for evidentiary purposes as well. It comes to a total of \$7,231. I would like to just point here as well that Mr. Coutu just said dispatch is off the table. I had to have this quoted assuming dispatch does or does not happen. So this is a stand-alone system but this would knock off approximately \$3,000 off the joint dispatch for fire security system because I have to put equipment in here that would have been part of that.

Chairman Coutu said to Selectman Luszey so we can get this going in a proper direction and before you make a motion, we're aware of it because we've had extensive discussion but some members of the audience might not be. Would you give the reasoning for what you are willing to make a motion for?

Selectmen Luszey said the purpose for the motion is as most folks are probably aware that we have extended the hours of the Town Hall operations on Thursday evenings. There are times when there is only one person, possibly two - not all the time. There have been times when the Tax Collector has come in on Saturdays when they're the only person here. We have cash in the draws, and it's a pretty vulnerable situation. In terms of safety and security, what we'd like to do is to put a panic button so that if there's a situation that arise that we need to get immediate response from the police down here like a bank teller situation, and to have that area videotaped so that if something should go wrong that there is evidence of what happened. For me, it's really a two-fold project. One is for the safety and well being of our employees, and two, for the security of the Town's assets. What I've asked the IT Director to do is go off and put an estimate together of what it would take to basically provide that capability in the Tax Collector's office and that's what we're looking at here tonight.

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Brucker, to appropriate a sum of \$7,231 to be spent on a panic button/monitoring system for the town Clerk's office.

Selectman Maddox was hoping we'd have more discussion about this as far as a broader issues I think. If we're going to do this, and it's probably involving some sort of interconnecting to a server somewhere and recording that. We don't do all 3 doors into this building. I think this building is quite open not just at the Town Clerk's office. So if we put one at the 3 doors into the building that don't have locks like the back that have just staff that have keys to but are open for meetings in the middle of the night and whatever, I think we should look at this as more global Mr. Chairman as far as not just the Town Clerk's office. There could be somebody lurking by the Sewer office. Again, I think this needs to be better thought out than just a panic button and a camera in the Town Clerk's office.

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Ms. Nute wanted to clarify. I was asked to look at the camera and just the panic buttons, which means it's a button for the clerk's to push. I did in fact get a separate quote for Town Hall, the whole Town Hall. The first 5 doors would be included in this because now you have the hardware in place for at least that minimal 5. This, the \$7,231, does not include her door. There would be a small amount more for a reader mounted there. It could easily be done but you would need just a little extra. I would have to fish through here and figure out the cost exactly of that. This does not include her door.

Selectman Maddox indicated he was not talking about her door. I was talking about the entrances when people come into here, you would have a video recording of who came into the building. So that again if there was an issue with any point in time, it wouldn't just be the Clerk's office. I think before we spend money to do just one small piece of this does it make more sense to do all the wiring running and have them in here once and do it or at least find out what the price is.

Chairman Coutu said to Ms. Nute that the monitoring system that we're going to put in to the Town Clerk's office, there is feasibility to add 3 additional cameras to that monitoring unit and recording so that we can monitor the 3 doors that Selectman Maddox is talking about. Ms. Nute said you. You have the hardware in place now in the server room so it would just be the additional cost of the camera, additional readers for the door - up to 5 max until I'm now adding additional equipment in the server room. Chairman Coutu asked what are we talking about doors. Ms. Nute said you do have the housing now. You have the minimal housing you need to yes add additional cameras for additional cost on top of this. This price right here is simply one 360° camera. Chairman Coutu said the only additional expense would be the wiring and 3 additional cameras. Ms. Nute said that was correct. Chairman Coutu asked if he gave her a quote on cameras. They usually include 120 feet of cable with each camera or something like that. Ms. Nute said she would need to get him back in here and actually look at just additional..Selectman Maddox said \$1,200 for one camera. Ms. Nute indicated that was a 360° camera which if you don't have that, it's less expensive but now you're putting in more than one. It kind of comes out a wash. This is one that would be able to look at the whole room and see the person's face in front from behind the counter. There's a whole gambit of costs.

Selectman Luszey thought it was important that we secure the Clerk's office and protect that area. In the budget pass for next year that we put a line item in to put a monitoring camera on each of the doors. Otherwise, we're going to string this project out. We're doing this with monies that are available today versus having to wait another year for this to happen. Selectman Maddox said 2 weeks. Selectman Luszey said it's not two weeks. July 1st is next year but

we don't have that money budgeted. Chairman Coutu said we don't have this money budgeted either. Selectman Luszey said we know what's available to use out of this budget. What I'm saying is I don't know what we're going to have this time. If we do the whole project as Mr. Maddox is suggesting, then we're going to have...maybe we can.

The point is Chairman Coutu said is that I think Selectman Maddox is highlighting the fact that that's a necessity as well to secure our own building. I think in light of the questions that I ask Mrs. Nute, and I got the answers that I thought I was going to get, is it doesn't prohibit here if we were to pass your motion to go ahead and install or have installed the panic buttons and the monitor. All it would need is if when we're going through additional funds that might be available purchasing 3 additional cameras. We may want to consider not necessarily having to have 360 - we're monitoring who's coming in the doors and have those installed and attached to the same unit. We might be able to do that tonight or in the next couple of weeks. I think it's not a separate entity Selectman Maddox that we can add on to them in a couple of weeks. Selectman Maddox was just making sure of that before we bought half a pie here.

Selectman Nadeau has done a few security systems. One of them was a little bit more complicated than this that we have right here in town. It was a lot less money than this. Before we go out and do one piece of the pie, I'd rather know how much it is to do the Town Hall doors. If we go out and look at it and its \$9,000 and we do it all at once versus doing \$7,000 here, \$2,800 here if they're going to be here wiring it all at once, I'd rather do it all at once and not say well maybe it will be cheaper maybe it won't be. I don't want to do the Town Clerk's office tonight and then do the doors next week and find out that there's \$3,000 price difference.

Chairman Coutu asked Ms. Nute if she had a number for 3 cameras. Ms. Nute said she sees her confusion here now. When everybody is saying doors, you don't mean the strikes, you're saying just mount a camera to the other doors. I don't have that. I have the thing that goes with the panic buttons. Those are door strikes that works with that system. I would have to get the additional costs. I do wanted to just also add that this has got to be compatible with what we have at the police side. They have to be able to view it and it's got to be incorporated into that network.

Based on your experience Ms. Nute in order to allay some fears, Chairman Coutu thought he knew the answer but I want to hear it from the horse's mouth. If we are going to install the panic button monitoring system in the Town Clerk's office whether we bought the 3 cameras today or we bought the 3 cameras 2 weeks from now, do you think there's going to be a change in the price of those cameras in 2 weeks or the cost of installation going to vary if we installed it right away or waited 2 weeks? Ms. Nute said no. This vendor is good. He'll work with us and you don't have to get the same type of a camera. You can get just one that's facing one door. It's not going to be the cost of this one which does the entire office.

Chairman Coutu told Selectman Nadeau that he didn't think we're going to save any money. If I buy one for my store, which I've done and I want to add 2 cameras later, it's not going to cost me any more for the cameras. If they're \$120 a piece today, they will be \$120 a piece two weeks from now. If I thought that it was going to increase the cost, I would say hold off on the motion and let's do it all together. It's not going to cost any more money. You're just buying more hardware and whatever the cost is to run the wiring and install it. It's going to be the same whether we do it this week or two weeks from now.

Selectman Nadeau asked if we went out to bid for these. Ms. Nute said that this needs to be compatible with what we currently have in place at the Police Department for it to work with that system. I need to stick with PELMAC. Selectman Nadeau indicated that there's only one vendor for this. Ms. Nute said the cameras can be any vendor that will work with this. There will be other cameras compatible. So we can look at that. As far as whose installing this and what it's hooking up to at the back end, that network piece has to be the...Chairman Coutu said that Ms. Nute you'll assure us please that if at a later date we find an appropriate monies for the cameras you'll get the best deal we can get on cameras. Cameras are cameras. You just have to make sure that the wiring is compatible with the wiring. That we can get that independent of the cameras. Cameras vary in price depending on vendor. I think getting the best price we can for cameras, that's what they're going to do.

As far as installation and the price, Selectman Nadeau said if you're doing a bigger project it's usually cheaper. Chairman Coutu said you're talking about 3 cameras. My uncle used to own one of the country's largest video recording system USA Networks. It doesn't vary that much. It's the cost of installing wire. It's the length of the wire and how much time it's going to take to install it. Selectman Nadeau understood that but we're only getting it from one source. There's no competitive bids. We already know that we're...Chairman Coutu said she's going to look to get us the best deal on 3 cameras and installation. Selectman Nadeau understood that. Chairman Coutu said if our custodian knew how to hang them, I'd have him hang them. I want to make sure they're connected properly. Not that he couldn't do it, he probably could. It's just plugging in and running a wire somewhere and hooking up the camera.

Also let's not lose sight. Selectman Luszey said the lion's share of this bid is the panic button, not the cameras. It's putting the infrastructure between here and the police station to get that set up. Selectman Nadeau asked why does it

have to go there. Selectman Luszey said what good is a panic button if I need a police officer if I'm being held up. Selectman Nadeau said when you call ADT, when you hit the panic button in your house..Selectman Luszey said that is the distinction here. We're not calling ADT. We want right direct to the police station so they'll know something is going down here so that they can people here quickly. Not 35 minutes from now after ADT comes back from their coffee break and calls the police. Ms. Nute said you'd also have a monthly bill there where there's no end. This would be ours and it's attached to our system.

Vote: Motion carried 3-2. Selectman Maddox and Selectman Nadeau in opposition.

Ms. Nute asked Chairman Coutu if she could take the liberty of just speaking on one item while I'm up here. What we just did also affects one other thing on this list. Data storage. We are chewing up storage at a much faster rate than anticipated. I had expected to wait until the next budget season to be able to address this. We made some changes where we are now capturing sewer images. We have somebody on light duty in Assessing who is scanning on a daily basis. We have several more departments now using the document imaging system. Those are all great changes and they've all helped improve the processes here in Town. However like I said, it's chewing up our storage. We just added a camera, which is now going to be recording..Chairman Coutu said all this technology is chewing up the taxpayer's money. Ms. Nute said it's something we always have to address - storage and there's no end right now. The more cameras we add, the more recording is being put onto storage. Even without the camera tonight, it is an issue I have to address sooner than later.

Selectman Luszey said part of the issue with storage is our archiving policies and procedures are antiquated. We can see that not only in the electronic form, but we see that in the paper form where we are required to retain everything forever. If we're not allowed to delete stuff and obsolete it, the only thing that happens as we see it with filing cabinets, we keep adding filing cabinets and putting stuff in boxes. We're now moving stuff into the library because our storage costs is getting to a point where we want to decrease our storage costs because we're taking up foot printing in a commercial space. So now we're going to use a public building for physical storage. The data storage, the electronic storage, is actually a bargain. The cost of your electronic storage has dropped significantly. What we're getting for the amount of storage for the dollar is incredible over the last 5 and 10 years. What we're not doing a good job at is forecasting what our storage requirements are in the electronic space. We put projects in place to scan everything but what we don't do is if we're going to scan all of this stuff and we're going to be making big graphic files, they have to go somewhere. That somewhere is in the storage. When we do that, we should have that as part of that project. The cost of putting that stuff up on storage.

In all fairness, Chairman Coutu didn't know where everybody wanted to go with this. I'm not prepared to vote on this tonight. We're just picking away at this pool of money. We have nothing before us other than Mrs. Nute who has an advantage over people who have made requests for some money. Is it something that can wait two weeks?

Selectman Luszey indicated it can probably wait two weeks. This isn't something new. In the last two storms where we had major hiccups, this was an issue before us. I've brought to this Board's attention.

Selectman Brucker thought maybe it's the archive thing that you were talking about. Is there any way to cut back on what has to get stored? If we're filling it up, is there any way to eliminate some of it? Ms. Nute said if you had seen Community Development - let's take for instance that office, 5 years ago when we first came on we didn't have the document imaging system. The entire office was filed with the file cabinets Mr. Luszey is talking about. That entire space is now open and freed up but all of that went into document imaging. That all became paperless and it all became storage. That is a huge advantage and huge service for our public who now can go into Community Development where we have kiosks at the counter and look up anything they want now. They don't even need to generally get the help of the reception there unless they're having an issue or can't find something. It's basically like opening the door and letting them go find something in the file cabinet, which they probably never would be able to do. So it's huge. It's also helping us guard against fire. If something were to hit this building, we are now protected in a much better way. We have the Police Department scanning juvenile things and records that they've had to always lug up to the mezzanine. So it is saving a lot of physical space that we don't have at the Police Department and we don't have in this Town Hall, etc. It's been a great thing in 5 years in the making and now many more departments are using that, which is again all well and good.

Selectman Brucker said she understood the purpose of it and that it has saved physical space. I just wondered if everything on there really has to be documented. Ms. Nute gave one more example where it's been very efficient. They could not find a record where it came to a law suit they were looking at or an issue and it had been misfiled. If it wasn't for that electronic system where we could do simply a word search, they were able to find that document and you would never have found that. It was to our benefit and helped us in this case.

Selectman Nadeau just heard that we have a storage space which we've had for a while. Now we just put a new camera in. How long do we have to keep these images for? Ms. Nute said the get rerecorded over but you have to

have a spot to store them initially. We don't keep images forever. I'd have to check with my IT Specialist at the Police Department. I believe its 30 days max if that - just enough where we know we don't need that for evidentiary purposes. It keeps getting recorded but you have to have a place and every camera you add, it's another spot just to hold its holding spot.

Selectman Luszey asked if they were going to come back in two weeks. Chairman Coutu said probably.

G. Impact Fee Accounts

Mr. Malizia said last year we for the first time looked at impact fee accounts as getting near their maturity date. As people are well aware, impact accounts are monies collected generally from a developer, from some sort of development for some sort of purpose to either improve a roadway, do a study, or some other notable purpose that the Planning Board has felt is important. Last year you had a report and this year I've taken a look at the accounts that are getting near to maturity. What that means is there is a time limit on a lot of these things. You have to spend them or possibly give the money back. The particular things on here, we spent some monies on the Walgreens I think and 102 Reeds Ferry improvements. Bottom line, we didn't spend all the money. I've forwarded this to both the Town Engineer and the Road Agent to identify other areas to spend it on.

Chairman Coutu wanted to get a clarification. Mr. Malizia said he's forwarded it to them because I'm not the guy that determines what projects go to what corridor or who does what. It's more their work together that would identify possible ways to expend this money. Chairman Coutu said the one that's most pressing based on this list is 2050-184 the Clement Road offsite right because that's explained here. Mr. Malizia said that appears to be the most pressing one.

Selectman Maddox said he was the Selectman that started this project a year ago because we were finding that we weren't capturing money. The other part that I see missing from this, and maybe there was none to be had, is any monies that could have been if Highway had done a project in a certain area. I would think that Pelham Road comes to mind. Any monies that were used from various accounts that are still sitting around have we eaten up all of those. That was the second part of this - to denote what would be coming due but also any monies that could be taken out of agency accounts. In the past we found all this money that it took us 10 years. We are trying to do that on annual basis. There was none this past year.

Mr. Malizia said we did a yeoman's share last year because being the first year. I think I had one this year that we already transferred out. Selectman Maddox said that would be nice if that was reflected in the same report so we can see that that was in fact being done. Again, monies that have been sitting in an account from a developer or wherever were expended. We did not lose track of that money. I would hope that we could add this to the first meeting in May of 2013. Mr. Malizia said they already did by the motion last year. Selectman Maddox said he will make sure that we get on the ones that we have to. Mr. Malizia indicated that he forwarded this list to both the Road Agent and the Engineer who would be the two people who obviously because these are pretty much road corridor type funds. They're the two guys that would determine where the money would be most appropriately spent for those particular things.

Selectman Luszey asked if they don't expend them, they go back to the developer.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/REMARKS BY THE SELECTMEN

Selectman Maddox - Thank you Mr. Chairman. In that same jondra, the Hudson Speedway. The police are going to be capturing that data as they did last year. They'll have a report for us at the end of the season. Mr. Malizia said they've done it in the last two years. Selectman Maddox was just making sure that it's in the cycle Sir so that, again, it doesn't get forgotten. Again, it came very helpful last year when we came to saying yea or nay this year. Thank you Sir.

Just for anybody that is dying to watch the Planning Board tomorrow, Selectman Maddox indicated sorry it's cancelled. We are going to be doing something. The majority of the members are going to be coming in and getting some CPR training as well as AED training. We have an AED upstairs in the hallway. Yes we have the Fire Department right next door, but you do hear occasionally they go out at night. We just thought it would be helpful to be able to get the people trained on the use of that piece of equipment so that if in fact there was some white haired guy that happens to sit down there goes down, maybe people having the training to be able to do what needs to be done. Again, I think it's great that the Fire Department can accommodate us. Just good town information.

Also Mr. Chairman maybe you'll cover it somewhat but Selectman Maddox said they had a meeting for the combined dispatch. That is still moving forward. It has some more information to it and we will be bringing something to the Board probably within the next month or two as far as final numbers and a plan. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Selectman Nadeau - The first one - the other night I got to go out and see some exciting stuff in action. Corey Morin and Brian Alley from the Hudson Fire Department, they're Call Fire Fighters, were working with the Hudson Explorers. They were doing a great job working on their skills working on a brush fire scenario cleaning up some property that we have here in town - Zach's field. They were training on it. They were doing an excellent job with the Explorers. I think that is very good practice for the Hudson Explorers. It was very nice to see that on how good they worked with them.

The other thing is we take up the dedication of the Town Report when we have people that pass away in the year. Just so it's on the list for next year, Selectman Nadeau indicated that Robert Jasper was on the Planning Board for many years. He was on the Budget Committee from the School Board but he did a lot for the Town. I'd just like to make sure that we...Mr. Malizia indicated that the best way to accomplish that would be to make a motion that way it's reflected in the minutes. That way we won't lose sight of it if that's what you wish is.

Motion by Selectman Nadeau, seconded by Selectman Luszey, that the Board of Selectmen dedicate the Town Report next year to Robert Jasper.

All Chairman Coutu can say is thank you Ben. He should be recognized for the valuable service that he provided our community. That's a good idea.

Vote: Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Nadeau said that Selectman Brucker and Selectman Coutu were there on Friday evening. We went to the VFW for the Loyalty Day Dinner. We recognized some Town staff - Deputy Chief Buxton, Officer Allison Cummings and from the Town of Hudson we had Kathy Wilson. There were also people from the School Department that were recognized. I'd like to thank the VFW for their Annual Loyalty Day Dinner. Chairman Coutu indicated that it was Allison's birthday this week so I'm sure she's thrilled. It was a good time. You showed up for dessert. Selectman Nadeau said he was very busy Friday evening, but I was able to stop by. Chairman Coutu said it was great that you came by. Mrs. Brucker and I enjoyed it also. Thank you Selectman Nadeau.

One final thing, Selectman Nadeau indicated that we Benson's cleanup this weekend. The sign is out there and if anybody would like to come by and help them do the cleanup, they'll be more than happy to find a project for you to do there. There's a lot of exciting things happening at Benson's so stop by. That's all I have. Chairman Coutu said it's supposed to be a good day Saturday and Sunday. Thank you.

Selectman Luszey - I've pretty much worn out what I had to say this evening.

Selectman Brucker - I do like to thank the VFW for their Loyalty Day Awards Dinner. It was Nancy Morey from the School and I think that covered everything. Selectman Nadeau said they had one from all the schools. That was the only one that was there that evening. Selectman Brucker indicated that they had some awards for their own people, which was very nice.

For the Budget Committee, Selectman Brucker said the Hudson municipal Budget Committee has cancelled its regularly scheduled meeting and have scheduled a tour on Monday, May 14th, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Library Street School. The Committee will be touring the Library Street School and then the H.O. Smith School. Those people who are on the Budget Committee don't forget to come to that.

(Selectman Brucker) I, too, was at the Planning Board meeting last week. I think the next meeting will be the 23rd. There was some discussion of the Lowell Road corridor and that was very interesting. I think we'll all be revisiting that. I was glad to hear from the NRPC that they might have something to do with some of that. It sounds like it would be more in the distant future than soon. Chairman Coutu said very distant. Selectman Luszey said they started the last one in 1958. Selectman Brucker said it would be nice if there would be something forthcoming from them. There was no Conservation Commission meeting this week.

Selectman Coutu - In terms of combined dispatch, we are going to be working on a matrix so that we'll get things in motion. We're working on a lot of numbers. As Selectman Maddox and I are discovering very quickly this is going to be a little more complex than what we thought it was going to be because there are other factors that could create some problems or could facilitate the process. We're going to be working on those and if we can get all the parties together, I know that there is a person flying into town as a favor to the Fire Chief. Selectman Maddox will be there meeting with that person and is not going to arrive in town - they're flying in at no expense to use. He'll be here at 1 p.m.

I (Chairman Coutu) want to remind all of you that you are invited to this Friday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Hills Memorial Library for a community development project. Not in the sense of community development as we know it within the municipal structure, but it's a seminar which one of the guest speakers will be the CEO of PSNH. What it is is to combine the resources of the municipal structure, the school structure, and the business community using it as a selling tool. This was something that was brought about as a result of efforts made by Superintendent Randy Bell. You all are invited. It starts at 7:30. There is a continental breakfast. I know that the Town Administrator will be there and I believe a lot of our staff will be there from Community Development because they play an intrical part in pitching our community. So I think it's going to be an interesting seminar. There will be a panel that will handle questions. I will be serving on that panel as well. I think that's it for this evening.

10. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:2 (a) Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; and RSA 91-A:3 II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee, carried 4-1 by roll call. Chairman Coutu in opposition.

Nonpublic Session is being entered at 8:38 p.m., thus ending the televised portion of the meeting. Any votes taken upon entering open session will be listed on the Board's next agenda. The public is asked to leave the room.

Open session is being entered at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Maddox, seconded by Selectman Nadeau, to temporarily increase the weekly hours for the Part-Time Administrative Aide position occupied by Amy McMullen from 29.5 hours up to 40 hours with no medical/retirement benefits for a time period not to exceed September 1, 2012, carried 5-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. by Selectman Luszey, seconded by Selectman Maddox, carried 5-0.

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